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AGS: MARR, NATO, GW

SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS CONCERNING  
JULY 17 US-FRG PRESS STATEMENT ON DEFENSE ISSUES

1. FOLLOWING Q'S AND A'S DRAWN FROM PREVIOUS GUIDANCE ON  
NORTHAG AND OFFSET, WERE PREPARED FOR HARTMAN BACKGROUND  
BRIEFING JULY 17.

NORTHAG:

QUESTION: HOW MUCH OF THE TOTAL COST OF THE BRIGADE  
FINANCING DOES THE FRG CONTRIBUTION OF \$68.48  
MILLION CONSTITUTE?

ANSWER: THE FRG CONTRIBUTION TOGETHER WITH GERMAN  
ASSUMPTION OF A TAX BURDEN WE WOULD NORMALLY  
BEAR, WILL CONSTITUTE ROUGHLY 60 OF THE TOTAL  
INITIAL STATIONING COSTS FOR THE BRIGADE.

QUESTION: WHEN WILL THE BRIGADE BE IN PLACE?

ANSWER: WE HOPE TO HAVE THE BRIGADE MOVING INTO  
PERMANENT QUARTERS BY LATE 1977.

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QUESTION: HOW MANY AMERICANS WILL ULTIMATELY BE STATIONED  
IN THE NORTHAG AREA?

ANSWER: THE BRIGADE ITSELF CONSISTS OF 3,800 TROOPS.  
MANY OF THESE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY DEPENDENTS.

THE TOTAL U.S. PRESENCE MAY THEREFORE APPROACH  
10,000.

QUESTION: EXACTLY WHERE WILL THE BRIGADE BE LOCATED?

ANSWER: THE 3,800 MAN COMBAT BRIGADE WILL BE  
STATIONED PRIMARILY AT A GERMAN TRAINING AREA  
NEAR GARLSTEDT, ABOUT 20 MILES SOUTH OF  
BREMERHAVEN.

QUESTION: WHAT IS THE MILITARY PURPOSE OF THE BRIGADE?

ANSWER: ITS PURPOSE IS TO STRENGTHEN THE NATO DEFENSE  
POSTURE IN THE NORTHAG AREA AND FACILITATE  
POSSIBILITIES FOR MORE RAPID REINFORCEMENT.

QUESTION: COULD YOU BE MORE SPECIFIC ON THE REASONS  
BEHIND THE DECISION TO PLACE THE BRIGADE IN  
NORTHERN GERMANY?

ANSWER: I WOULD LEAVE ELABORATION OF THE SPECIFIC  
MILITARY REASONS TO MY MILITARY COLLEAGUES,  
BUT THE FOUR BASIC (SOMEWHAT OVERLAPPING)  
REASONS ARE:

-- TO INCREASE COMMONALITY OF DOCTRINE AND  
INTEROPERABILITY OF EQUIPMENT.

-- TO DEMONSTRATE NATO FLEXIBILITY.

-- TO ENHANCE ALLIED DETERRENT CAPABILITIES.

-- TO FACILITATE ADDITIONAL REINFORCEMENT IN  
CASE OF NEED.

GARLSTEDT (20 MILES SOUTH OF BREMERHAVEN) IS  
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CLOSE TO THE LONG-TIME US ARMY SUPPORT BASE  
IN BREMERHAVEN.

QUESTION: IS THE BRIGADE'S STATIONING PROMPTED BY SOME  
RECENT DEVELOPMENT IN THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN  
AREA?

ANSWER: THE STATIONING OF THE BRIGADE IS SIMPLY PART  
OF THE ONGOING AND CONTINUAL EFFORTS OF THE  
ALLIES TO UPDATE AND RATIONALIZE NATO'S  
DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES.

QUESTION: WHERE IS THE BRIGADE NOW?

ANSWER: THE BRIGADE, CALLED BRIGADE 75 BECAUSE IT  
ARRIVED IN GERMANY IN EARLY 1975 FROM  
FT. HOOD, TEXAS, HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY  
STATIONED AT THE GRAFENWOEHR TRAINING AREA,  
IN SOUTHEAST GERMANY.

QUESTION: WHAT DOES THE BRIGADE CONSIST OF?

ANSWER: 3,800 OFFICERS AND MEN IN:

- 1 HEADQUARTERS AND SUPPORT BATTALION
- 2 MECHANIZED INFANTRY BATTALIONS
- 1 TANK BATTALION
- 1 FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
- 1 ENGINEER COMPANY
- 1 CAVALRY TROOP

A BRIGADE OF THIS TYPE HAS 54 TANKS AND 337  
OTHER TRACKED VEHICLES.

QUESTION: ARE THERE PLANS TO SEND OTHER US UNITS INTO  
NORTHERN GERMANY?

ANSWER: NOHING MAJOR. IN MARCH USAFE ANNOUNCED THE  
LOCATION OF 400-MAN TACTICAL AIR CONTROL  
SYSTEM RADAR SQUADRON SOUTHWEST OF HANNOVER.  
A SECOND UNIT OF SIMILAR SIZE IS BEING  
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CONSIDERED FOR THE BREMERHAVEN AREA, POSSIBLY  
LATE NEXT YEAR. THESE UNITS WOULD SUPPORT  
NATO'S ALLIED AIR FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

QUESTION: HOW MUCH HOUSING MUST BE BUILT FOR THE BRIGADE?

ANSWER: IT IS ESTIMATED THAT FOR A UNIT OF THIS SIZE  
SOME 1,300 FAMILY UNITS WILL BE NEEDED. SOME  
FAMILY HOUSING IS AVAILABLE IN BREMERHAVEN,  
BUT MOST WILL HAVE TO BE BUILT.

QUESTION: HAS THERE BEEN ANY PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT  
CONCERNING THE BRIGADE?

ANSWER: YES, BY BOTH US AND FRG OFFICIALS (ALTHOUGH  
PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS WERE CONDITIONED BY THE  
NEED TO WORK OUT FINAL FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS).

-- THE LOWER SAXONY STATE GOVERNMENT MADE AN  
ANNOUNCEMENT IN MID-MAY THAT IT HAD BEEN

DECIDED TO STATION THE BRIGADE AT GARLSTEDT  
AND THAT THE MAN WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR  
FAMILIES.

-- ABOUT THE SAME TIME USCINCEUR PROVIDED  
RATHER EXTENSIVE INFORMATION ON THE BRIGADE.

QUESTION: HAS CONGRESS BEEN INFORMED?

ANSWER: YES. THIS IS A DOD FUNCTION AND I UNDERSTAND  
THAT DOD OFFICIALS HAVE INFORMED THE  
APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF THE PLANNING FOR THE  
BRIGADE. FEDERAL GERMAN AUTHORITIES HAVE OF  
COURSE NOTIFIED THE NECESSARY LOCAL FRG  
AUTHORITIES.

QUESTION: HAS THERE BEEN ANY CONCERN OR OPPOSITION AT  
THE LOCAL LEVEL ON THE GERMAN SIDE?

ANSWER: THE RESPONSE IN GENERAL TO THE BRIGADE SEEMS  
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TO BE QUITE POSITIVE. THERE IS WIDESPREAD  
SUPPORT FOR STRENGTHENING CONVENTIONAL NATO  
FORCES IN NORTHERN GERMANY. CONSTRUCTION OF  
FACILITIES SHOULD BE A BOOST FOR THE LOCAL  
ECONOMY. LOCAL OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE MAYOR OF  
BREMEN (WHO WAS RECENTLY IN THE US) HANS  
KOSC;NICK, HAVE WELCOMED THE BRIGADE.

THERE HAS BEEN SOME CONCERN EXPRESSED -  
INCLUDING SOME DEMONSTRATING - ABOUT POSSIBLE  
ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE TO THE HEATH. PLANNING  
FOR THE GARLSTEDT FACILITIES HAS TAKEN INTO  
ACCOUNT THESE CONCERNS, AND CARE WILL BE TAKEN  
TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES OF THE  
AREA.

QUESTION: WILL THE FRG BE PAYING A SHARE OF THE ANNUAL  
RUNNING COSTS OF KEEPING THE BRIGADE AT  
GARLSTEDT, AFTER IT IS STATIONED THERE?

ANSWER: NO, IT IS NOT INTENDED THAT THE FRG SHARE THE  
ANNUAL RUNNING COST. WE FELT IT WAS APPROPRIATE,  
HOWEVER, AND WELCOMED THE FRG DECISION TO PAY  
FOR A MAJOR PORTION OF THE ONE-TIME STATIONING  
COST.

OFFSET:

QUESTION: COULD YOU ELABORATE ON THE RATIONALE FOR

CONCLUDING THAT FURTHER OFFSET ARRANGEMENTS  
ARE NO LONGER NECESSARY?

ANSWER: AS YOU MAY RECALL, OFFSET ARRANGEMENTS BEGAN  
IN THE EARLY 1960S WHEN THE U.S. BALANCE OF  
PAYMENTS SITUATION WAS RELATIVELY WEAK. THE  
ARRANGEMENTS WERE DESIGNED TO ENABLE OUR ALLIES,  
INCLUDING THE FRG, TO ASSIST IN SHARING THE  
BALANCE OF PAYMENTS BURDEN OF THE U.S. ARISING  
FROM STATIONING OUR MILITARY FORCES IN NATO  
EUROPE. MORE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, HOWEVER,  
SPECIFICALLY THE AGREEMENTS AT RAMBOUILLET AND  
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KINGSTON WITH REGARD TO FLEXIBLE EXCHANGE  
RATES, HAVE LESSENED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF  
BALANCE OF PAYMENTS FACTORS IN INTERNATIONAL  
MONETARY RELATIONSHIPS. IT SHOULD ALSO BE  
NOTED THAT THE EARLIER STRAINS ON U.S.  
BALANCE OF PAYMENTS HAVE LESSENED  
SUBSTANTIALLY SINCE 1974.

QUESTION: BUT ISN'T THERE ALSO A NEED FOR THE FRG TO  
HELP US MEET THE HIGH BUDGETARY COSTS INVOLVED  
IN THE STATIONING OF U.S. TROOPS IN NATO?

ANSWER: THERE HAS BEEN ADMITTEDLY INCONCLUSIVE DEBATE  
IN WASHINGTON AS TO WHETHER STATIONING U.S.  
FORCES OVERSEAS, FOR EXAMPLE IN THE FRG, IS  
MORE EXPENSIVE THAN STATIONING THE SAME FORCES  
HERE. THE ADMINISTRATION BELIEVES THAT SUCH  
STATIONING SHOULD BE BASED ON MUTUAL SECURITY  
REQUIREMENTS AND NOT BASED ON PURELY DOLLARS  
AND CENTS CONSIDERATIONS.

QUESTION: DOES THIS OFFSET DECISION MEAN THAT THE FRG  
NO LONGER HAS ANY INTENTION TO ASSIST THE  
U.S. BEYOND ITS PRESENT NATO COMMITMENTS?

ANSWER: WE BELIEVE THAT THE BEST CONTRIBUTION THE  
FRG CAN MAKE TO OUR COMMON DEFENSE INTERESTS  
IS IN THE MAINTENANCE OF ITS OWN FORCES AT  
ADEQUATE STRENGTH AND LEVELS OF PREPAREDNESS,  
AS IT IS IN FACT DOING. IN ADDITION THE

ALLIANCE HAS NORMAL PROCEDURES AND CHANNELS  
FOR EXCHANGING VIEWS ON EXCEPTIONAL PROBLEMS  
WHICH MAY ARISE IN THE FUTURE. FINALLY WE  
MUST STRESS THAT THE BILATERAL COOPERATION  
BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE FRG GOES  
CONSIDERABLY BEYOND QUESTIONS INVOLVING NATO.

2. AT 10:30 AM PRESS BRIEFING ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN  
ANSWERED QUESTIONS CONCERNING US-FRG PRESS STATEMENT ON  
DEFENSE ISSUES. QUESTIONS WERE AS PREDICTED AND HARTMAN  
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DREW ON ABOVE ANSWERS IN HIS REPLIES. TRANSCRIPT PRESS  
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